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> LEGAL NOTICE of Objection Period Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (B2H Project) Wallowa-Whitman National Forest **Draft Record of Decision**

The USDA Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (USFS) Draft Record of Deci sion (ROD) for the B2H Project is now available. The Draft ROD explains the proposed decisions and rationale to authorize B2H Project-related actions affecting National Forest System (NFS) lands and to amend portions of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Manage-ment Plan (Forest Plan). The USFS proposed decision ad-dresses approximately 6.8 miles of the Agency Preferred Alternative route cross-ing NFS lands west of La Grande, Oregon, and lying west of Interstate 84 within an area designated for power transportation in the Forest Plan.

The USFS has adopted the Bureau of Land Management's Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the B2H Project, which discloses the environmental effects of a proposed action by Idaho Power Company (Applicant) to con-struct, operate, and maintain a 500-kilovolt (kV), overhead, single-circuit, alternat-ing-current electric transmission line and ancillary facilities. The transmission line would be constructed within a 250-foot-wide right-of-way to con-nect the northern terminus, the Longhorn Substation, a substation planned by Bonneville Power Administration approximately 4 miles east of the city of Boardman in Morrow County, Oregon, to the existing Hemingway Substation, west of the city of Melba in Owyhee County, Idaho.

with the Final EIS, is available for viewing and download from the USFS website at: https://www.fs.usda.g ov/project/?project=26 709. For additional information, the following link will direct you to electronic versions of these and other relevant documents: http://www.boardmantohemingway.com. A hard copy of the Draft ROD is available for viewing at libraries in Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton, John Day and Ontario. A hard copy of the Draft ROD, or additional information regarding the pro-posed USFS decision and the objection proc-

The Draft ROD, along

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ess, may be obtained by contacting Dea Nelson, Environmental Coordinator; by telephone 541-523-1216; Of emai! dnelson09@fs.fed.us.

The proposed USFS decision is subject to the objection process pur-suant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations 218. Individuals and entities who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during any designated opportunity for public comment may file an objection. Notices of objection must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 218.8. Objections can be submitted in writing, either elec-tronically or in hard copy but must be filed with the Reviewing Officer within 45 days from the date of this publication of notice of the opportunity to object. The publication date for this notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection Those wishing to file an objection to this decision should not rely upon dates or time frame information provided by any other source.

Minimum requirements of an objection are de-scribed at 36 CFR 218.8(d). An objection must include a description of those as-pects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, includina specific issues related to the proposed project; if applicable, how the objector be-lieves the environ-mental analysis or draft decision specifi-cally violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer-to-considemand a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportuni-

Objections may be sent as follows: Postal delivery (USPS) to Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn. 1570 Appeals and Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623; Emailed to: objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us with OBJECTION and "Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project" in the Electronic objections

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must be submitted as part of an actual email message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc, .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. Emails submitted to addresses other than the ones listed above or in formats other than those listed above or containing viruses will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the objector to confirm receipt of objections submitted electronic mail. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirma-tion of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means; land delivered (including

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with OBJECTION and Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line" noted on the cover sheet.

Objections, including names, physical ad dresses, email addresses, or other per-sonal information provided, will be part of the public record and will be posted to the web.

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